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**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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December 22, 2003

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 5, 2003, the period for reply thereto being extended by one month by the attached Petition for Extension of Time to expire on January 5, 2004, reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2.

**Amendments to the Drawings** describing changes to drawings shown in the Appendix are on page 5.

**Remarks** are included following the amendments.

An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached following the Remarks.